

UNION UNIVERSITY
CHR/HIS 305—HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY
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MWF 11:00-11:50
Jennings 325

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A survey of Christianity from Christ to the present.
Prerequisites: HIS 101 and 102.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- (1) Students will deepen their analytical and historical thinking skills.
- (2) Students will develop a broad outline of the historical development of Christian theology, institutions, and lifestyles from the post-apostolic period to the present.
- (3) Students will be exposed to the diverse historical expressions of Christianity.
- (4) Students will gain greater understanding of the historical relationship between the church and culture.
- (5) Students will evaluate the church's faithfulness to Scripture in different historical periods.
- (6) Students will apply knowledge of the church's past to contemporary problems.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: The instruction in this course will consist of lectures (using PowerPoint), discussion, maps, videos, exams, and guidance in preparing a collateral reading report.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Baker, Robert A. and John M. Landers. *A Summary of Christian History*. 3d ed.
Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2005.

Jenkins, Philip. *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity*. Rev. and expanded ed. New York: Oxford, 2007.

A reference bibliography is provided later in this syllabus.

COURSE OUTLINE:

I. Introduction to the Course and the Study of Church History

II. The Early Church (to c. A.D. 500)

READ by **September 23:** Baker & Landers, chapters 1-6.

1ST EXAM: **September 25.**

III. The Medieval Church (c. 500-1500)

READ by **October 21:** Baker & Landers, chapters 7-12.

2ND EXAM: **October 23.**

IV. The Reformation (1517-1648)

READ by **November 11:** Baker & Landers, chapters 13-22.

3RD EXAM: **November 13.**

V. The Modern Period (1648 to the present)

COLLATERAL READING REPORT DUE: **December 2.**

READ by **December 4:** Baker & Landers, chapters 23-31.

Jenkins, chapters 1-10 (the final exam will include a required essay on this book).

TEXTBOOK READING REPORT DUE: **December 4.**

COMPREHENSIVE FINAL EXAM: **December 7, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

GRADING DISTRIBUTION (see grading scale in the 2009-2010 *Catalogue*, p. 15):

Unit Exams:	40%
Final Exam:	25%
Collateral Reading Report:	25%
Attitude/Attendance/Class Participation/Textbook Reading Report:	10%

COLLATERAL READING REPORTS:

In addition to the reading assignments in the textbooks, each student is required to complete a total of **200** pages of reading in primary sources from **4** different writers. The writers must be drawn from each of the 4 periods reflected in the course outline (to A.D.

500; 500-1500; 1517-1648; 1648-1975). Thus each student will read approximately 50 pages from each writer selected. The report should be 7-10 pages in length (double-spaced in a standard size font like New Times Roman 12 pt.) and will consist of summaries of what was read, reactions to the readings, and treatments of the writers' historical contexts. Listings below suggest possible authors from each major period. The collateral reading reports are due **December 2**. Late papers will be penalized **3** percentage points for each day late (excluding weekends). No papers will be accepted after the final exam. Suggested primary source collections include: *Ancient Christian Writers*, *Ante-Nicene Fathers*, *Select Library of Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church*, *Fathers of the Church*, and *The Library of Christian Classics*. Further information will be given in class. Conferences with the professor are encouraged.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PRIMARY SOURCE READINGS:

To A.D. 500	1517-1648
Ambrose	Jacobus Arminius
Apostolic Fathers	John Calvin
Athanasius	Thomas Cranmer
Augustine of Hippo	Erasmus of Rotterdam
Clement of Alexandria	John Foxe
Cyprian	John Knox (not 20 th century)
Eusebius of Caesarea	Ignatius Loyola
Irenaeus	John of the Cross
Jerome	Martin Luther
John Chrysostom	Philip Melanchthon
Justin Martyr	Menno Simons
Origen	Teresa of Avila
Tertullian	Ulrich Zwingli
500-1500	1648-1975
Anselm of Canterbury	Karl Barth
Bernard of Clairvaux	Richard Baxter
Bonaventure	Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Catherine of Siena	John Bunyan
Francis of Assisi	Jonathan Edwards
Gregory the Great	Charles Finney
Hildegard of Bingen	Carl F. H. Henry
John Hus	C. S. Lewis
John Wycliffe	Walter Rauschenbusch
Peter Abelard	Francis Schaeffer
Thomas à Kempis	Hannah Whitall Smith
Thomas Aquinas	Thérèse of Lisieux
The Venerable Bede	John Wesley
William of Ockham	George Whitefield

GRADING CRITERIA FOR COLLATERAL READING REPORTS

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| 1. GRAMMAR AND STYLE —spelling; sentence and paragraph development; punctuation; etc. | _____/25 |
| 2. SUMMARY —concise, to-the-point presentation of document’s content. | _____/25 |
| 3. REACTION —personal reflection on what was read—should be thoughtful, not just “I liked it” or “I did not like it.” | _____/25 |
| 4. HISTORICAL INSIGHT —awareness of context (historical setting), significance, possible relation to other documents/writers, etc. | _____/25 |
| LATE PENALTY | - _____ |
| TOTAL | _____ |

ATTENDANCE:

As noted above, regular class attendance and participation are factors in the grading for this course (see also the University attendance statement in the *Catalogue*, p. 19). To have an absence recorded as excused, the student must bring to the professor a written excuse at the next class attended after being absent. Legitimate reasons for absence include emergencies, illness, bereavement, or official college functions approved by the Office of the Provost. An excused absence will be required to take make-up exams. Whenever a student has advance knowledge that a scheduled exam will be missed, the professor should be informed. In the case of an unexpected absence from an exam, the student must notify the professor at the earliest opportunity, before the exam if possible. Excessive absences by a student will be reported to the Assistant Registrar and/or the Dean of Students for counsel with the student. Please remember that 10% of the course grade depends in part on class attendance.

CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM:

The professor will enforce the University policy on cheating and plagiarism, as set forth in the *Catalogue*, p. 20. Any student guilty of cheating or plagiarism will fail the course and be reported to the Office of the Provost.

OTHER RELEVANT UNIVERSITY POLICIES:

The last day to drop this course without special permission from the Registrar is **September 29**.

The official method of communicating with students is the @my.uu.edu email account. You are responsible for any information submitted to your email account.

BLACKBOARD:

This course is included in Blackboard (eclass.uu.edu). Grades for each required course item (exams, papers, etc.) will be posted there. Syllabi, PowerPoint files, and handouts are available there, as well as a calendar of important dates and any necessary announcements. Blackboard also has an email function.

CELL PHONES/LAPTOPS/RECORDINGS:

Cell phones and pagers should be turned off during class except in a potential emergency situation for which you have informed the professor. Laptops are fine for note taking and other **class-related** uses. Use for exams requires prior clearance from professor. No audio or video recordings of classes are permitted without approval from the professor.

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READING REPORT

This report must be submitted to the professor no later than **December 4**.

I have checked the category below that best reflects the amount of assigned reading that I have completed in Baker & Landers, *A Summary of Christian History*:

___ All of it.

___ Most of it.

___ Some of it.

___ Little or none of it.

I have checked the category below that best reflects the amount of assigned reading that I have completed in Jenkins, *The Next Christendom*:

___ All of it.

___ Most of it.

___ Some of it.

___ Little or none of it.

Name (print): _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____